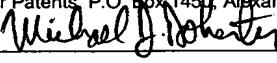


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) SPINE 3.0-446 CONT
Application Number 10/715,969		Filed November 18, 2003
For INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE HAVING ARCH SHAPED SPRING ELEMENTS		
Art Unit 3738	Examiner	J. G. Blanco
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.		
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):		
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	Fee \$120	Small Entity Fee \$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	Fee \$450	Small Entity Fee \$225
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	Fee \$1020	Small Entity Fee \$510
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	Fee \$1590	Small Entity Fee \$795
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	Fee \$2160	Small Entity Fee \$1080
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>12-1095</u> I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.		
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor. <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>40,592</u> <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number in acting under 37 CFR 1.34		
 Signature		<u>April 5, 2005</u> Date
<u>Michael J. Doherty</u> Typed or printed name		<u>(908) 518-6337</u> Telephone Number
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.		

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: April 5, 2005

Signature:  (Michael J. Doherty)